



## Overview of BEMC's FY 23 – 28 Capital Budget Package November 1, 2021

To: BEMC Finance Committee Members – Chairman Dr. Jan Osborn, Charles See and Matt Dole

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BEMC's FY 23 – 28 Capital Budget package contains traditional projects for FY 23 – 24 just less in total than the most recent FY 21 – 22 Capital Budget (SB 310 – 133<sup>rd</sup> GA).

### FY 23 -24 requests include:

1. **BEMC** .....\$1.1 Million
  2. **Public Media Broadcasters:**
    - Ohio Public Radio**
    - & Ohio Public TV** .....\$2.091 Million
    - RRS** .....\$ 99,218
- Total of **\$3.3 Million** in comparison to the last Capital Budget of **\$3.625 Million**
  - 3. Our Capital package carries a \$1.1 Million audio improvement project for **The Ohio Channel** for microphone / audio improvements for all Statehouse hearing rooms to improve broadcast quality.
  - FY 23 – 24 BEMC Total request becomes **\$4.442 Million**

### Initial BEMC staff analysis observations:

- Focus of the Public Media Broadcasters (OPR-OPTV-RRS) projects will fund items for Production or Transmission – two tasks BEMC does NOT perform
- Focus of the BEMC projects is for support of the Master Control Operation on behalf of the Ohio Public TV stations
- OGT is NOT requesting Capital funds for any traditional projects. OGT is carrying a major project to replace all of the audio / microphone equipment in all of the Statehouse Meeting Rooms. These investments will enhance the broadcast quality of The Ohio Channel's productions which BEMC places in the daily broadcast stream sent to the Ohio Public TV stations.

Given the interdependency of the “three legs” of Ohio's Public Broadcast “chair”, the OGT / SNB leg, the Ohio Public Media Broadcasters leg and the BEMC leg to keep the chair level for the years ahead, staff recommendation is a #1 Priority rating for each leg.